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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at paragraph [0043] as follows:

[0043] One example of an implantation of an access port is described below. The distal end of catheter is entered into a major vessel of the cardiovascular system of a patient and advanced therefrom, for example, into a position at the superior vena cava. After the catheter is thusly positioned, sufficient slack to allow for normal body movement without straining catheter is left in the point of entry of catheter into the vascular system. The free end (*i.e.*, the proximal end) of the catheter is tunneled from its point of entry into the vascular system to a pocket in the tissue of a patient. The proximal end of the catheter is attached to the port stem on the access port by inserting the ~~port~~ port stem into the catheter. The catheter's position on the port stem is adjusted so that the proximal end of the catheter is aligned with the marking on the port stem. A locking sleeve is slid over the proximal section of the catheter onto the catheter and port stem connection. The access port is secured into the pocket using sutures and may be placed in the chest wall on either the right or the left side supported by the underlying ribs. The access port is buried below the skin, and the pocket is then closed.

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